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SUBJ: SENEGALESE PRESIDENT COMMENTS ON ANGOLA

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SUMMARY: SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAS STATED CONCERN THAT COMMUNIST-SUPPORTED MPLA IS CLEAR THREAT TO PEACE IN ANGOLA AND REAFFIRMED GOS OPPOSITION TO ANY UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY MPLA. SENGHOR HOPES PORTUGAL WILL NOT RELINQUISH CONTROL UNTIL ANGOLAN FACTIONS HAVE BEEN HARMONIZED AND CALLS ON US TO USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO PRECLUDE FURTHER DETERIORATION OF ANGOLAN SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING OCT 21 MEETING WITH AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER AND AMBASSADOR, PRESIDENT SENGHOR REITERATED HIS CONCERN OVER ANGOLAN SITUATION. HE REAFFIRMED THAT SENEGAL WOULD NOT ACCEPT UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY MPLA. SENGHOR CALLED MPLA ACTIVITIES CLEAR THREAT TO PEACE IN THAT AREA OF AFRICA SINCE THEY WERE SO OBVIOUSLY BEING SUPPORTED BY SO MANY COMMUNIST STATES (INCLUDING, HE SAID, COUNTRIES SUCH AS ROMANIA
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AND YUGOSLAVIA, WITH WHICH SENEGAL HAD CORDIAL RELATIONS).

SENEGALESE PRESIDENT HOPED PORTUGAL WOULD NOT AGREE TO TURN OVER ADMINISTRATION OF ANGOLA UNTIL THERE HAD BEEN HARMONIZATION OF VARIOUS GROUPS. HE URGED THAT US USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO AVOID FURTHER DETERIORATION OF SITUATION.

2. MR PARKER REPLIED THAT US ALSO HAD BEEN CONCERNED BY PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD BE CREATED BY UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. HE SAID THAT US REPRESENTATIVES HAD MET WITH PROTUGUESE AND EXPRESSED TO THEM OUR CONCERN OVER SITUATION WHICH WOULD BE CREATED BY WITHDRAWAL CARRIED OUT IN SUCH FASHION AS TO EXACERBATE INTERNAL PROBLEMS IN ANGOLA.

3. OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION IN SENGHOR-PARKER MEETING BEING REPORTED BY SEPTELS.
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